# Banned Books List: Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2015

Out of 323 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom.

#### **BOOK COVER**

### TITLE, CALL NUMBER & BRIEF DESCRIPTION



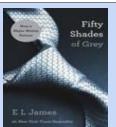
#### LOOKING FOR ALASKA

Author: John Green

Call Number: YA F GREEN

Reasons: challenged for a sexually explicit scene that may lead a student to "sexual

experimentation"



# FIFTY SHADES OF GREY

Author: E.L. James

Call Number: eBook on OverDrive

Reasons: sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, and other ("poorly written," "concerns that a

group of teenagers will want to try it")



### I AM JAZZ

Author: Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings

Call Number: J 306.768 HER

This autobiographical picture book co-written by the 13-year-old protagonist was challenged

because it addresses gender identity.



## BEYOND MAGENTA: TRANSGENDER TEENS SPEAK OUT

Author: Susan Kuklin

Call Number: 306.768 KUK

Reasons: anti-family, offensive language, homosexuality, sex education, political viewpoint,

religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group, and other ("wants to remove from collection to ward off

complaints")

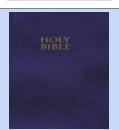


## THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME

Author: Mark Haddon
Call Number: F HADDON

Reasons: offensive language, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group, and other ("profanity and

atheism")



## THE HOLY BIBLE

Call Number: 220.52 BIB

Reasons: religious viewpoint

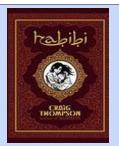


## **FUN HOME**

**Author: Alison Bechdel** 

Call Number: eBook on Hoopla

Reasons: violence and other ("graphic images")



# HABIBI

Author: Craig Thompson Call Number: Not Housed

Reasons: nudity, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group



# NASREEN'S SECRET SCHOOL: A TRUE STORY FROM AFGHANISTAN

Author: Jeanette Winter

Call Number: University Holdings

Reasons: religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group, and violence



# TWO BOYS KISSING

Author: David Levithan

**Call Number: University Holdings** 

Reasons: homosexuality and other ("condones public displays of affection")